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SUBJECT: ICCS: ATTITUDES OF POLDEL MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES

1. DURING MARCH 14 SOCIAL FUNCTION IN COMPANY OF EMBOFF, COMUS MACV SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR ICCS BRIG, GEN. FAIRFIELD HELD LENGTHY CONVERSATION WITH ICCS POLDEL CHIEF MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE GEN. MARION RYBA. FAIRFIELD STRESSED THOSE POINTS WHICH HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY RAISED IN NUMEROUS INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH CHIP DLES AND PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZED THE NECESSITY OF ICCS ACTION IN NOW GETTING ON WITH THE TASK OF FIELD INVESTIGATIONS AND IN THE COMPLETION OF ICCS DEPLOYMENT TO FEW REMAINING SITES NOT YET OCCUPIED.

2. RESPONSE OF GEN. RYBA WAS TYPICAL OF THE SOPHISTRY AND LINE OF REASONING WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN OUR RELATIONS WITH POLDEL TO DATE. RYBA AVOIDED MENTION OF ANY SPECIFIC CASES, REITERATED POLDEL INTENTIONS OF CARRYING OUT " LETTER OF THE LAW" AS CONTAINED IN THE PARIS PROTOCOLS, AND BLANDLY AVOIDED REPLYING IN SUBSTANTIVE FASHION TO FAIRFIELD'S FRANK APPEALS " FROM ONE PROFESSIONAL SOLDIER TO ANOTHER". RYBA DID SAY THAT HE EXPECTED ICCS TO BE DEPLOYED AT ALL REQUIRED SITES NO LATER THAN MARCH 25.

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3. COMMENT: OF THE FOUR CHIP MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES, RYBA IS CLEARLY THE LEAST PROFESSIONAL IN A MILITARY SENSE. THROUGHOUT THE FIRST SIX WEEKS OF ICCS EXISTENCE, RYBA HAS REMAINED PREOCCUPIED WITH THE PREREQUISITES OF HIS POSITION (LUXURY CAR, WELL- APPOINTED LIVING QUARTERS, TELEPHONES) RATHER THAN THE SUBSTANCE OF ICCS MISSION. HE IS LITTLE MOVED BY REFERENCE TO ANY THEMES WHICH USUALLY EVOKE KNEE- JERK REACTIONS AMONG POLES; E. G., NATIONAL PRIDE, PATRIOTISM, AND NEED FOR PEACE. RYBA CONTINUALLY REFERS TO HIMSELF AS A LAWYER WHICH MIGHT BE TRUE SINCE IT IS CLEAR HE IS NOT A PROFESSIONAL SOLDIER DESPITE OVER 30 YEARS IN THE MILITARY SERVICE.
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